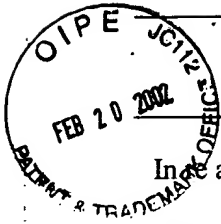


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 31, 2001, applicant hereby provisionally elects group I, claims 1-15 and 23-35 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. The restriction of group I is respectfully traversed. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of a similar scope in a divisional application.

REMARKS

The examiner indicated that Group I contains claims 1-15 and 23-35, drawn to a congestion avoiding classified in class 709, Subclass 235. Although the restriction requirement specifically recites that group I comprises claims 11-15 and 23-35, applicant has taken that to be a typographical error based on the context and the telephone conversation between applicant and